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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN AMERENUE NATURAL GAS RATE CASE

Jefferson City (June 4, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has established the deadline for those wishing to intervene and participate in a natural gas rate case filed by AmerenUE.

Applications to intervene must be filed on or before **June 23, 2003**, with Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Dean L. Cooper, Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Public Service Commission.

The Commission will hold local public hearings in this case to receive customer comments on the Company's rate proposal. The Commission will set the times, dates and locations of these local public hearings in a future order.

On May 23, 2003, AmerenUE filed a natural gas rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase natural gas revenues by approximately \$26.7 million a year. According to AmerenUE, for an average residential customer using natural gas for heating, the proposed increase would be approximately \$16.26 a month.

This rate case reflects what are called the non-gas costs of providing service to customers. Non-gas costs are generally operating and maintenance expenses and a return on investment in plant (such as natural gas mains and service lines that carry natural gas to the customer's home or business). The Missouri Public Service Commission does not regulate gas costs or rates that are charged to AmerenUE for natural gas by wholesale suppliers. The Commission does perform a regulatory review to ensure that regulated natural gas companies such as AmerenUE make prudent decisions in securing natural gas supplies for their customers.

AmerenUE provides natural gas service to approximately 111,000 natural gas customers in Missouri.

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